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abandoned; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/438,030, filed November 10, 1999; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/270,150, filed March 16, 1999; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/837,872, filed April 17, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/415,607, filed October 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,217,567, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/812,876, filed March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,068,623; and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/314,054, filed May 18, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/812,570, filed March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,022,336, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/650,464, filed May 20, 1996, now abandoned; all of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the above-identified application to remove the priority claim to Application Serial No. 08/933,816 and Application Serial No. 08/813,810. The specific changes to the specification are shown on a separate set of pages attached hereto and entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, which follows the signature page of this Preliminary Amendment. On this set of pages, the insertions are underlined while the ~~deletions are struck through~~.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph 0001 starting on page 1 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/537,471, filed March 24, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/049,857, filed March 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,135,991, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/813,807, filed March 6, 1997, now abandoned; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/049,712, filed March 27, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/975,723, November 20, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,050,972, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/812,139, filed March 6, 1997, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/650,464, filed May 20, 1996, now abandoned; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/438,030, filed November 10, 1999; U.S. Application Serial No. 09/270,150, filed March 16, 1999, ~~which is a continuation in part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/933,816, filed September 19, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation in part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/813,810, filed March 6, 1997, now abandoned;~~ U.S. Application Serial No. 09/837,872, filed April 17, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/415,607, filed October 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,217,567, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/812,876, filed March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,068,623; and U.S. Application Serial No. 09/314,054, filed May 18, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/812,570, filed March 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,022,336, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/650,464, filed May 20, 1996, now abandoned; all of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties.